

## Psychology of A Beating

Last year the Rams virtually buried the San Diego Chargers under a 50-7 avalanche of points. Last week the Rams were given their worst beating in two seasons, 42-10, by the Dallas Cowboys.

What psychological effect will these opposite results have on the Rams in San Diego Saturday night when they face the Chargers again? Co-captain Eddie Meador has a ready answer.

"I think we'll be helped," said the 10-year veteran safety during a lull between practices at the Fullerton training camp. "First, that defeat by Dallas has certainly brought us back to earth. It should toughen our team character. I think that after taking a licking it's easier mentally to get ready for the next game. We'll bounce back.

"Second, that one-sided win over the Chargers in 1967 was a long time ago. We've virtually forgotten it. And we know that what we did against a team a year ago means absolutely nothing now. Teams change a lot in a season.

"They gave the Steelers a tremendous battle last Saturday night. It took a last-second field goal to beat them. I watched them lose to Oakland on TV recently, but that game meant nothing; they went with subs almost all the way.

"I have never felt the Chargers were as bad as they looked against us. They had some key injuries when we played them. We got two quick breaks, took a big lead and could afford to gamble. It was like our game last week with Dallas. The Cowboys cashed in on three fast touchdowns and were loose from then on.

"So we aren't going down to San Diego expecting another runaway. We should be up for them. There's a certain league pride that you have in beating an AFL team. But coach Sid Gillman will have his team ready. It's a cinch he wants to get even."

While Meador didn't mention it, he played one of the key roles in the 1967 massacre. His interception of a John Hadl pass and 21-yard touchdown runback, coming only 51 seconds after a previous steal and scoring return by Clancy Williams, had the Chargers reeling halfway through the first quarter and they were never able to regain their poise.

By the end of the period they trailed, 24-0, by halftime it was 43-0, and midway in the third it went to 50-0 even as the Rams compassionately threw in all their reserves.

Meador finds it difficult to pin down the reason for the Rams' poor showing against the Cowboys. "We just made mistakes all around—the offense, the defense and the special units. Their first touchdown was to my man. I was covering Bob Hayes. He came down, then turned in as if on a hook pattern. I took a step forward, and he just took off. Once he's past you, there's no way to catch him."

While Meador blames himself for playing Hayes wrongly, the 58-yard touchdown pass-and-run underscored what rival defenders have been saying about Hayes for a year: the Olympian end not only still has blazing speed, but has developed moves as good as any receiver in the league.

Eddie believes the current Ram team is at least the equal of the amazing 1967 squad that won 18 and tied two of a 22-game campaign. "We should be stronger. We've played a full year together. But up to now we've not been as sharp. Actually, last week was the first the full defense worked together as a unit, and the offense hasn't practiced yet as a complete unit."

All of his ambitions are tied up in this year's championship drive. "I don't have any individual goals except helping win a league title and the Super Bowl," he said. "The other things don't matter."

The "other things" are the all-time Ram record for interceptions, which Eddie set last year at 33; twice winning the Most Valuable Player award from Ye Old Rams; being chosen Arkansas' outstanding pro athlete for 1967; and induction into the NAIA (small college) Hall of Fame.

Meador is now in his 10th year with the Rams. Only two other players, both on the current team, have longer records. Lamar Lundy is in his 12th season and Jack Pardee his 11th. Milt Plum is playing his 12th year in the NFL, but this is his first with the Rams.

Eddie realizes those years have taken some of his speed, but he has compensated by developing an instinct for being in the right place at the right time. This was evident in his eight interceptions last year, high for the club and third best in the league, and a total of 100 tackles and assists during the season. They added up to All-NFL honors and his best year ever.

He doesn't feel that the Rams' title hopes have been dimmed by last week's setback. It won't go in the official archives. "Besides," Eddie points out reasonably, "in 25 games over the past two seasons we have lost exactly three. It's still a good record."



I'LL SEE YA AFTER THE RACE... Torrance racing star Paul Jones lets lovely trophy queen Judy Keller know that he'll be the one to win her victory kiss after he wins Saturday night's CRA Sprint Car competition. Jones, only one of the big names on Ascot's card, faces a fifty-car field at the 183rd Street and Vermont Avenue raceway. Racing starts at 8:30 p.m. with qualifying runs at 7 p.m. on the one-half mile clay oval.

## Ascot Sets A Big Show

A pair of Torrance speed merchants, Ed Hand and Ed Sauer, will head a 60-car field in tonight's double-header PRA Figure 8 and Foreign Stock Car 10-event program at Ascot Park in Gardena, where racing starts at 8:15 p.m. on the criss-cross course.

Hand and Sauer finished one-two in last week's 30-lap Figure 8 feature at the 183rd Street and S. Vermont Avenue raceway. Both will be gunning for their second Wednesday night feature win of the year.

Hand will wheel a '57 Chevrolet, while Sauer, two-time criss-cross champion at Ascot, handles a speedy '56 Ford. Both are long-time veterans of Figure 8 racing at Ascot, the only such track in Southern California, and home of criss-cross racing in the Southland.

Other top drivers signed for the night's racing are Dave Grady of Manhattan Beach, Jon Cox of Culver City, Don Crager and Lloyd

Brooks of Gardena, Larry Peters of Hacienda Heights, Kevin Terris and Al Knapp of Torrance, Bob Stone of Huntington Beach, Ron Schuessler of Redondo Beach, Dorsey Steele of Huntington Park, and Butch Farrell of Wilmington.

The speedy foreign stock cars will battle on Ascot's quarter-mile oval track. Heading the cast will be Lloyd Hollstein of El Toro, Snuffy Smith of Lynwood, Roy Burpee of Artesia, Tom Reed of Riverside, and Jack Epperson of Torrance.

A 30-lap feature tops the night's racing. Other action includes a 12-lap semi-final, three 10-round heat races and a 6-lap trophy dash, all for the Figure 8's. The foreign stocks race in a main, heat and dash.

Gates open at 6 p.m. when 10,000 general admission seats go on sale. Adults are \$2.50, children 8 to 12 are \$1.00 and kids under 8 are free with an adult.

## Caballeros Entertain At Trials

Los Caballeros Youth Band of Carson will add color and festivity to the United States Women's Olympic Track and Field Trials this weekend at Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, Calif.

The "Cabbies" will play and display their colors on the centerfield during the opening ceremonies as the athletes enter the stadium. During the competition, the band will provide fanfare and musical entertainment for the estimated 5,000 fans that will be in attendance.

Los Caballeros, host band for the city of Carson under the direction of Bob Cotton, will wear their colorful Spanish-theme uniforms. Maraca girls and cape twirling matadors will complete the ensemble.

Opening ceremonies at Mt. San Antonio will be Saturday at 5 p.m. Running events on both Saturday and Sunday will start at 5:30 p.m.

Thomas D. Clayton, chairman, Women Field and Track Olympic Trials, a resident of Dominguez Hills, has invited the public to attend this event to support women athletes that will compete for the United States at the Olympic Games in Mexico City.

Reserved seats are \$2.50 each day and general admission is \$1.50 each day. Students with cards will be admitted for 50 cents. All proceeds will go to the United States Olympic Fund.

Studies show weather is the worst enemy of good highways. Soaking rains, frost, heat, and rapid temperature changes break up highways—even those where traffic is light.

## Camino to Use Barefoot Backs

El Camino's football team may utilize a new concept in college football this season known as the "Barefoot Back" formation. A dozen pairs of low-cut (backfield) football cleats were stolen this weekend, according to Lennox sheriffs.

The report stated the shoes were taken from an equipment locker that had been pried open.

## Signups Scheduled

Boys may now register at Normandale Recreation Center, 22400 S. Halldale Ave., for a Flag Football League which will be organizing the first week of September.

The league will be organized into three divisions: Majors, boys age 10 to 12; Juniors, boys 13 to 14; and Seniors, boys 15 to 17. Tom George, recreation director, said.

## Prep Football

# West Squad Aims High in Bay Loop

(This is the first in a series of six articles on football outlooks for West, South, North, Torrance, Bishop Montgomery, and Carson high schools. Today's roundup features West High's 1967 Pioneer League champion Warriors.)

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West High's football Warriors finished last season with a 9-0 record, tops in the league, earning a berth in the CIF playoffs. But that was in the Pioneer League. This season, head coach Fred Petersen's gridders jump two steps into the Bay League and into much heavier competition. Is Petersen worried? In a word, no.

"If we can stay healthy, we will be very tough," he told the Press-Herald after Tuesday night's weigh-ins and physicals for his varsity prospects.

But if depth is a weak point, good experience in first stringers is the Warriors' forte. Returning to the ranks this year will be West's 3rd year senior quarterback, Coy Hall, who together with offensive end Gary Kendrick, made West the most feared passing team in the league. Kendrick—also returning—set school records in passes caught and total yardage. He was an all-league selection.

Returning stalwarts include offensive guard and potential all-CIF candidate Jim Stroffe; halfback, defensive back and linebacker (whew!) Dean Owens; offensive ends Al Swanbeck and Chuck Farrah; both starting defensive tackles Paul Johnson, who is also a kicker and all-league selection, and Richard Pierce.

"The returning defensive backs please me almost as much as having by quarterback again," Petersen said.

Three of the four defensive backs are returning, and they are Bob Oliver (all-league); Jim Parton (school record in pass interceptions—9), and Randy Carter. The fourth back will be Don Clark, who was very impressive last year, though not a regular.

Although Hall and Kendrick made the pass attack West's main source of strength, Petersen feels they will be "sound in every department."

He supports his claim with what he calls his best interior line ever, a team of strong, intelligent linebackers and a fine crop of young players coming up from his championship Bee and Cee teams.

Last year's punter was Jim Parton, who consistently booted kickoffs into the end zone and hit 40-yard field goals. Coach Petersen believes he has found a replacement—at least in the punting department—for Parton, even though Jim is considered a top college prospect for his kicking alone, aside from being a fine defensive player.

The punter to replace Parton is Paul Smith, a sophomore. Veteran Pro kicker Danny Villanueva told Smith, after the then freshman had booted a 75-yard punt, that he had the best leg he had ever seen for a boy his age.

## Hula Hoopers Compete

Four hula hoop contest winners from Torrance will be competing in the regional finals Saturday, Aug. 31, at Universal Studios, beginning at 10 a.m.

Earlier in the year, over 1,500 girls and boys participated in the city-wide Hula Hoop program which was sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department and conducted by local

The only question marks on the roster seem to be the positions of offensive tackle and fullback. The offensive tackle spot is inexperienced, as is fullback. Candidates for fullback include Swanbeck, Owens and Cuellar.

The move into the higher league was a strange one. Petersen had the opportunity to move up only one league into the Sky League, but because of the growing population of West High (the standard of league placement), the Warriors would be able to stay there for just two years.

"I felt that rather than take roots in a league we would outgrow in two years, we should make the big jump now, and take our chances," Petersen explained.

Petersen figures Mira Costa and Santa Monica high schools are the teams to beat next season. "We will be in the top three with those two schools," he said.

Assisting Coach Petersen in his instructional duties will be assistant line coaches Fred Birch and Max Lomas, and defensive back coach Dennis Haryung.

"We just might take our knocks for awhile in this bigger league," Petersen said with a wry grin. "But I think we'll do fine. Just fine."



A BEAUTIFUL BOARD... West High's head football coach Fred Petersen sports a "V" for Victory sign and smile at his player board, on which hang the names of his many returning lettermen. With the contents of that board, Petersen hopes to mold a championship team—as he did last year in the Pioneer League—in a tougher Bay League. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Softball Tourney Commences Friday

Torrance Recreation Department will host the 1968 "C" Division Bay Area SCMAF Softball Tournament Friday, Aug. 23 through Thursday, Aug. 29 at three parks in the area.

South Bay residents are invited to attend games scheduled at Torrance Park, El Nido Park and Alondra Park, 2001 Santa Fe Ave. Game time on Thursday will be 7:30 p.m.

SCMAF, Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation, holds softball tour-

naments every year at this time in four divisions. The stronger teams are placed in higher divisions.

The winner of the Bay area tournament will then go to the SCMAF finals held Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Garden Grove to compete against the winners of the seven other districts in the "C" Division.

For further information on times and places of games, call Allen Shall, Recreation Supervisor and tournament director at 320-6913.

## Fishing Trip Offered by Normandale

Boys and girls from Normandale Recreation Center, 22400 S. Halldale Ave., will be able to spend a day of barge fishing off of Redondo Beach Pier, Tuesday, Aug. 27.

Transportation, bait, and tackle will be furnished by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department, Tom George, recreation director at the center, said.

Youngsters of ages 9 through 15 in the Normandale community are urged to sign up at the center for the outing.